

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**  
**April 21, 2016**

**Commission Members in Attendance**

George P. Waters, District 1  
Ira E. Coward, District 2  
John R. Hunt, M.D., District 3  
Matthew J. Kappel, Vice-Chairman, District 4  
Carroll W. Joye, District 6  
Gerald E. Harmon, M.D., District 7

**Commission Member(s) Absent**

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman at Large  
William C. VanAntwerp, District 5

**Aeronautics Staff in Attendance**

James Stephens, Executive Director  
Paul Werts, Program Manager  
Ericka Thomas, Recording Secretary  
Eric Denham, Chief Pilot

**Visitors**

Jeremy Bauer, Sumter County Airport  
Johnathan Bryan, Sumter County Attorney  
Steve Hedges, AOPA  
Ken Holt, Holt Consulting  
Bruce Landsberg, AOPA  
Don Purcell, SC Aviation Association

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**Welcome & Call to Order**

*Secretary Harmon* called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone, and *Commissioner Joye* gave the invocation.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Secretary Harmon* presented the minutes from the February 21, 2016 Commission meeting and asked if anyone had any edits or corrections. Since none were forthcoming, the minutes were approved as written.

**Financial, Budget, & Legislative Update**

Mr. Stephens presented the financials as of March 31, 2016, for the FY 2015-2016, showing the ending cash balance of \$953,631 for Operating Results. The State Aviation Fund has received \$1,286,619.43 this fiscal year, bringing the total available State Aviation Fund revenue to \$4,760,535.56. As of March 31, 2016, the total commitments and expenditures from the State Aviation Fund and General Fund Projects were \$4,481,899.10 leaving \$278,636.46 available for grants and projects.

Mr. Stephens discussed House Bill H.4577 and the importance of the support from the aviation community. The passing of House Bill H.4577, would credit all funds collected through the Airline Property Tax to the State Aviation Fund beginning in FY 2016-17. Currently law states that the first five million dollars collected are credited to the general fund, and the next five million dollars is credited to the State Aviation Fund. However, no funds have been credited to the State Aviation Fund since the receivable balance has not exceeded five million dollars.

**Airport Development**

Mr. Werts presented the Commission with information on the grants being submitted for Commission approval. *Vice Chairman Kappel* made a *Motion* to approve the funding for the three projects as presented and based on the SC Airport System Plan/Priority Ranking System and available state funds, *Commissioner Hunt* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

AIRPORT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FAA GRANT	LOCAL SHARE	STATE SHARE	TOTAL	PRIORITY RATING #
					PROJECT COST	
Greenwood County	(A) Apron joint sealing and spall repairs	\$151,847	\$21,564	\$21,564	\$194,975	18
	(B) Terminal building HVAC system replacement					
Oconee Regional	Airfield vehicle control access equipment		\$9,630	\$14,445	\$24,075	15
Sumter County	Construct hangar apron and taxiways	\$64,782	\$41,694	\$62,541	\$169,017	17
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$216,629</b>	<b>\$72,888</b>	<b>\$98,550</b>	<b>\$388,067</b>	

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**District Reports**

***Commissioner Waters*** – No report.

***Commissioner Coward*** – Reported that the 2016 Master's Week was a success for the Aiken Airport and had approximately forty airplanes housed throughout the week. Commissioner Coward also announced that the Region 5 North Soaring Competition is taking place in Perry, South Carolina April 18-23.

***Commissioner Hunt*** – Reminded everyone of the upcoming 2016 Greenwood Aviation Expo, June 25<sup>th</sup> and the Anderson Regional Airshow, October 22-23.

***Commissioner Kappel*** – No report.

***Commissioner Joye*** – Reported that the Orangeburg Municipal Airport's fuel farm is underway.

***Commissioner Harmon*** – Reminded everyone of the Grand Strand Aerospace and Technology Symposium on April 27, 2016, in Myrtle Beach.

**New/Other Business**

Mr. Stephens introduced the new SC Aeronautics Commission's Chief Pilot, Eric Denham and asked that he give a brief overview of his background and where he plans on taking the flight department.

Ken Holt gave a presentation to the Commission that recapped what was presented to the SC Aviation Caucus on April 13, 2016, concerning the State Aviation Fund and associated legislative bills. In this presentation, Ken showed how the State Aviation Fund is currently funded through recurring appropriations and the aviation fuel tax. However, with only these sources the future funding of state grants will be in jeopardy if House Bill H.4577 is not supported along with the requested one-time appropriation.

**Upcoming Events**

May 21 – 22; Shaw Air Expo, SSC Sumter, SC

May 24; Aircraft Maintenance Technician Day, SCAC, Columbia, SC

June 25-26; 2016 Aviation Expo, Greenwood, SC

June 25; SC Aeronautics Commission Meeting, Greenwood, SC

**Adjournment**

There being no further business; *Vice-Chairman Kappel* moved the meeting be adjourned, *Commissioner Waters* seconded, and all approved.



Gerald E. Harmon, M.D.  
Commission Secretary



Ericka D. Thomas  
Commission Recording Secretary



Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.  
Commission Chairman



Matthew J. Kappel, Esq.  
Commission Vice-Chairman

June 25, 2016 Date

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